

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 2016**

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, and Trustee Miller. Absent/Excused: Trustee McClanahan. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Public Services Director Taylor, Consultant Sloan, Planning and Economic Development Director Akers, Executive Assistant Clair and an audience of fourteen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda as amended removing item #7 [Approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Township and Police Officers Labor Council (POLC) Command] from the Consent Agenda. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Combs, Budd, Hart, Jahr, and Miller. Nays: Wright. Absent/Excused: McClanahan. Motion Carried. Board Members expressed the desire to have additional time to review the contract and further discussion on the tentative agreements.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Budd moved, Miller seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as amended [Work Study Session Minutes of October 3, 2016, Closed Session Minutes of October 3, 2016, Board Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2016, Prepaid list of October 7, 2016, Prepaid list of October 13, 2016, Voucher list of October 18, 2016]. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Combs, Budd, Hart, Jahr and Miller. Nays: Wright. Absent/Excused: McClanahan. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Jahr moved, Miller seconded to open the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m. to receive public comment on Resolution 2016-17 to reprogram (transfer) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Rehabilitation funds and create a new project (Demolition). Motion Carried. At this time there are at least two (2) condemned homes in the Township that have been ordered for demolition by the Building Official and are almost environmentally cleared for demolition. Upon approval of the Board and Wayne County the actual demolitions will be bid out and a lien will be placed on the property for the actual cost incurred. No public comment was received. Budd moved, Hart seconded to close the Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Wright moved, Hart seconded to approve Resolution 2016-17 to reprogram (transfer) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Rehabilitation funds and create a new project (Demolition) Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Hart seconded to approve a special land request for parcel V-125-83-118-99-0030-000 (1.0 acres) so that the R1-A property may operate as a group day care home. Motion Carried. The parcel is located at 6191 Rawsonville Rd. It is a private home where more than six (6) but not more than twelve (12) minor children are given care and supervision for periods of

less than twenty-four hours a day and shall be registered with or licensed by the State of Michigan Bureau of Regulatory Services.

Miller moved, Hart seconded to approve the jobs description for the Building and Grounds Superintendent and the Personal Services Agreement between Jeff Fondaw and the Township and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Motion Carried. The position was posted internally following the resignation of William Turner. Mr. Fondaw has been employed with the Township for over 30 years and has performed many of the duties required by the position. His experience and performance with the Township, combined with the institutional knowledge he brings makes him an excellent candidate for the position.

REPORTS: The August 2016 Budgetary Report was received. Copies are available at the Clerk's Office for review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Treasurer Budd read a statement in response to a recent article in the Belleville Area Independent entitled "School Board audit turns up problem with VBT paperwork". She assured the public that proper procedures and filing requirements were adhered to and encouraged fact checking before expressing allegations of misconduct. Clerk Wright encouraged residents to learn more about absentee voting, consider being added to the permanent absentee application list in order to automatically receive an application for all elections, dispelled myths regarding absentee voting and guaranteed that all ballots are counted in accordance with the law.

NON-AGENDA: Residents comments included: Support for the public safety millage, lack of support for the public safety millage and the equality of all members of the Board of Trustees.

ADJOURNMENT: Jahr moved, Hart seconded to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Linda Combs, Supervisor

Date: _____.